

V. REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Kameda (U.S. Patent No. 6,733,311) in view of Rundle (U.S. Patent No. 3,673,545). Also, claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Kameda (U.S. Patent No. 6,733,311) in view of Rundle (U.S. Patent No. 3,673,545) as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Yu et al. (US2004/013325). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

An insulative plug housing of the present invention has a header part which has a mounting board protruding outside of a frame part to expose male contacts outside from the frame part. On the other hand, a header part of an insulative plug housing disclosed in USP 6,733,311 is disposed inside of a frame part. Furthermore, a shutter disclosed by USP 6,733,311 is not parallel to the mounting board, but is perpendicular to the mounting board.

An insulative plug housing disclosed in USP 3,673,545 does not have a shutter or a frame part into which the shutter should be stored. Furthermore, the connector described US2004/132325 does not have a mounting board protruding from the frame part, or male contacts arranged on both surfaces of the mounting board.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of the claims as discussed above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the features of the applied art because such combination would not result in the claimed invention. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that there is no motivation to combine USP 6,733,311 in which the header part is not protruded outside of the frame part and USP 3,673,545 in which the insulative plug housing does not have a frame part or a shutter. Moreover if the references are combined, it is not obvious that the shutter is parallel to the mounting board to cover male contacts held on both surfaces of the mounting board. As a result, for the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable over the applied art.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

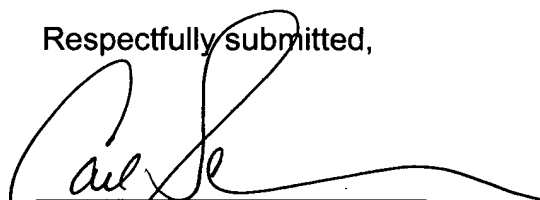
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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